

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Docket No.: 255259US0PCT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/500,145  
Applicants: Martin VOLLAND, et al.  
Filing Date: July 9, 2004  
For: SEPARATION OF ACIDS FROM CHEMICAL  
REACTION MIXTURES BY MEANS OF IONIC  
LIQUIDS  
Group Art Unit: 1621  
Examiner: NWAONICHA

SIR:

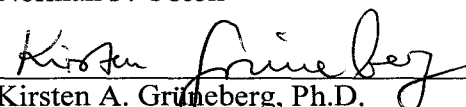
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Amendment and Request for Reconsideration**

Our online credit card payment in the amount of **\$0.00** is being made covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.  
Norman F. Oblon

  
Kirsten A. Gruneberg, Ph.D.  
Registration No. 47,297

Customer Number

**22850**

(703) 413-3000 (phone)  
(703) 413-2220 (fax)